

After the war, James returned to his cattle farm and got married to his wife of 55 years—Ms. Josephine “Jo” Murchison. While predominantly raising beef cattle and grain, he served his community as the President of the Caswell County Farm Bureau, a position he proudly held for 17 years. Additionally, he was a member of the NC Farm Bureau Federation Board for 23 years. He won several different agriculture awards over the years—most notably being named “Cattleman of the Year” in 1975—while his family received the Soil and Water Conservation Farm Family award of 1979.

In describing Mr. Painter’s life, Caswell County Farm Bureau colleague Lucas Bernard wrote that, “James Painter will be remembered for his service to his community, Caswell County agriculture, and his nation. He has been an inspiration to me by seeing and hearing about his dedication to farming and agriculture locally, as well as overseas during WWII.”

James Painter was preceded in death by his wife, Josephine, and is survived by his nieces and nephews. The Caswell County community has lost a great soul, advocate, and gentleman with Mr. Painter’s passing. May he forever rest in peace.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring James Merimon Painter for his service to his community and his sacrifice for this Nation.

RECOGNIZING THE ANNUAL COMMEMORATION OF HOLODOMOR

HON. ANDY LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2021

Mr. LEVIN of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the annual commemoration of Holodomor, the Genocidal Famine inflicted upon the people of Ukraine by the Soviet Union in 1932 and 1933.

In the early 1930s, the Soviet Union engineered a famine to ensure the Ukrainian people could not resist Joseph Stalin’s totalitarian policies. This famine, known and remembered as Holodomor, led to the deaths of at least 3.9 million people, or 13 percent of the population of Ukraine at the time. Some estimates of the number of those who died are much higher. “Holodomor” is a combination of the Ukrainian words “hunger” and “to inflict death”, a fitting name for the tragedy that occurred.

While Soviet bureaucrats suppressed the facts of Holodomor at the time, including instructing Western journalists not to write about it, it is widely acknowledged as a genocide today. In fact, in 2018, the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate each unanimously passed resolutions citing previous declarations of Holodomor as a genocide committed by Joseph Stalin and those around him. The vibrant Ukrainian-American community in Michigan’s Ninth District comes together each year in solemn commemoration of the millions of innocent lives taken and to ensure that this horrific event is never forgotten.

As a member of the Ukrainian Caucus, I am honored to stand with Ukrainian-Americans in my district and throughout our country in witness of Holodomor. I encourage my colleagues to join me in reflection and remembrance and recommit ourselves to preventing genocide anywhere on Earth in the future.

RECOGNIZING THOMAS J. GARI

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2021

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a notable resident within my district, Thomas J. Gari. Mr. Gari obtained a bachelor’s degree in Petroleum and Natural Gas Engineering from my alma mater, the Pennsylvania State University in 1970, and later went on to achieve a master’s degree in Business Administration from Villanova University in 1986. Following his education, Tom left his private sector career to join the Internal Revenue Service in 1999. In every stage of his career, Tom always worked to support and empower others, leveraging his extensive experience to identify complex case issues, find viable solutions, and produce consistent, quality results. In his final years at the IRS, Tom served as Engineering Team Manager, in which he managed all operational aspects executed by his team. Now, after more than twenty-two impressive years of dedicated government service and professional leadership, Tom is entering retirement. I am proud to recognize Thomas J. Gari as an exceptional man of character, guided by a sense to better his community and country. He has demonstrated an extraordinary ability to overcome complex challenges throughout the years as well as a steadfast dedication to supporting his colleagues. We are incredibly grateful for the positive impact that Tom has had on our community, and we wish him well in his retirement.

CONGRATULATING POLICE CHIEF MARION EUGENE SEALY, JR.

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2021

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I am grateful to recognize Police Chief Marion Eugene Sealy, Jr., of the City of Forest Acres for his 48 years of public service to his community. Chief Sealy will be retiring at the beginning of next year and South Carolina will be losing a great public servant.

Chief Sealy joined the Forest Acres Police Department in 1974 as a dispatcher. In 1975, he became a full-time patrol officer and shortly after was put in charge of the investigative division. Through his hard work and dedication, he became the Chief of Police of the Forest Acres Police Department in 1994.

Throughout his career in public service, Chief Sealy led the department through many hardships including the tragic death of Officer Greg Alia. He has been so encouraging to his widow Kassy Alia Ray and their son Sal as Kassy has established Serve and Connect to improve neighborhoods challenged by poverty and crime.

Through his leadership, he was able to successfully relocate the police department during the devastating 2015 thousand-year flood to ensure the community of Forest Acres had access to its police department. Working overnight with his colleagues to set up operations, he dedicated himself to the safety of his officers and staff. He has set the standard of ex-

cellence in his community and I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF MS. JANIS SANTOS

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2021

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my warmest congratulations to my good friend Janis Santos on her retirement following 40 years of dedicated public service to the children and families of western Massachusetts.

A pioneer in the field of early education and childhood development, Janis most recently served as CEO of Holyoke Chicopee Springfield Head Start. Through her efforts to expand Head Start’s programs across the Commonwealth, Janis has played a prominent role in improving the lives of more than 1,000 young children. Her diligence in directing the only migrant, seasonal Head Start program in Massachusetts only further demonstrates her exceptional commitment to helping the most vulnerable families in our communities.

In 1973, Janis began her lifelong advocacy and action on behalf of children and families by launching one of the first early-childhood centers in Ludlow, Massachusetts. Just six years later, in recognition of her cutting-edge approach to the field, Janis was taken on as Executive Director of Holyoke Chicopee Springfield Head Start. During her expansive and impressive career, Janis has served as Chair of the Massachusetts Head Start Directors Association, the New England Head Start Association, as well as a member of the National Advisory Panel for the Head Start 2010 Project here in our nation’s capital. While her myriad of leadership roles is most impressive, what I most admire about Janis is the tireless dedication she has demonstrated throughout her 40-year career to providing our youth the resources they need to succeed in the future.

Madam Speaker, in light of Janis Santos’ many achievements and remarkable contributions to the early education of the children of western Massachusetts, as well as her role in shaping conversations on early education throughout the nation, I would like to thank Janis for her steadfast service, and offer my personal best wishes for a long, happy, and healthy retirement.

TRIBUTE IN MEMORY OF CONGRESSMAN LARRY HOPKINS

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2021

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of my good friend and long-time colleague in this House chamber, the gentleman from Kentucky, Larry Hopkins, who represented the people of central Kentucky for 14 years from 1979 to 1993.

Congressman Hopkins served with great charisma and humor, befriending folks in every corner of Kentucky and across Capitol Hill. Public service was second nature to